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Can't fix deadline to make Mysuru District Corona-free: New DC

- COVID-19 is not like natural disaster to make such a promise
- Former DC wanted 'COVID-Mukta Mysuru' by July 1, 2021

Mysuru, June 8 (RK&SSV)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham today categorically said that it is not possible to fix any deadline to wipe-out Coronavirus but concerted efforts will be made to achieve this in a phased manner.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function to vaccinate newspaper vendors and media personnel at Vartha Bhavan here this morning, he categorically said it was impossible to declare Mysuru as COVID-free District from July 1 since no time limit could be fixed for the Corona-like epidemic. In case of any natural disaster, time limit can be fixed but not for the viruses like Corona.

"My predecessor, Rohini Sindhuri may have announced of making Mysuru Corona-free by July 1 out of good intention. The concept is good but it is practically difficult," he added.

New Mysuru DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham (standing third from left) seen after launching the programme to vaccinate newspaper vendors and media personnel at Vartha Bhavan in city this morning.

Dr. Bagadi said that COVID-19 management was not like any natural disaster management. But serious efforts are being made to flush out this virus from the district as soon as possible.

"I visited District War Room to study its functioning and will be visiting District Hospital and other COVID Hospitals. I will be going to rural areas next week. My support is for any good things done by Doctors, Police, Media and Frontline Workers to check the spread of Corona contagion. I took charge on Sunday and understanding the district. For any development, other than COVID, the support of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Media, Citizens and Associations/ Organisations, is always solicited."

The DC said while pursuing his studies, he had thought that his home district, Vizag, is most beautiful. But his perception changed after he came to Mysuru for training at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI). The City of Mysuru is very beautiful and people are very cultured and intelligent, he opined.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Department of Information & Public Relations Assistant Director R. Raju, COVID-19 Vaccination Nodal Officer Dr. L. Ravi, Department of Health and Family Welfare Manager Dr. Diwakar, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar and others were present.

As many as 300-350 persons are planned to be vaccinated today at the venue.

Chamarajanagar Hospital Tragedy probe

Even after 3 days, no one deposes before One-man Commission in Mysuru !

Justice Patil

Mysuru, June 8 (RKB&DM)- Even three days after the setting up of Justice B.A. Patil One-man Inquiry Commission camp office in Mysuru, no one has turned up as yet to depose before the Commission.

The Government has constituted the Inquiry Commission to probe into the events that led to the death of 24 COVID patients undergoing treatment at Chamarajanagar District Hospital on the intervening night of May 2 and 3.

The Commission's camp office is located in the new building at Jaladarshini Guest House premises on Hunsur Road in Mysuru.

The office started functioning from June 5 and those who want to make submissions to the Commission regarding the Chamarajanagar COVID deaths, can make the same along with supporting documents before 15 days.

After an uproar over the deaths, the Government had formed the One-man Inquiry Commission on May 5 nominating Justice B.A. Patil, a retired Karnataka High Court Judge, to inquire and submit a report.

CET-2021 on Aug. 28 & 29

Mysuru, June 8- The CET-2021 (Common Entrance Test) for admission to Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Veterinary, Architecture and other professional courses (barring Medical & Dental Courses) in various colleges of Karnataka, will be held on Aug. 28 and 29 in over 500 centres across the State.

Announcing this in Bengaluru this morning, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, said that the CET-2021 will be held on Aug. 28, 29 and 30. The Biology and Maths paper exam will be held on Aug. 28, while Physics and Chemistry paper exam will take place on Aug. 29. The Kannada exam for Gadinadu and Horanadu Kannadigas will take place on Aug. 30, he said.

Clarifying that only CET marks will be considered for entry into professional courses, he said that the CET will be conducted with all precautionary and safety measures in place as per SOP of the Government in all the over 500 centres where the exam will take place.

Pointing out that the registration for CET will commence from June. 15, Dr. Ashwathnarayan, said that each subject will carry 60 marks and the students are required to score a minimum mark to clear the entrance test.

While the Government had cancelled the II PUC exam this year due to the second wave of attack of the deadly pandemic, the CET was postponed twice due to COVID crisis.

To Our Readers

Turn to page-6 for an exclusive interview with former Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri.—**Ed**

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 8th June 2021

COVID-19 : Uncertainty over Amarnath Yatra continues

Srinagar, June 8 (UNI)- Uncertainty continued over annual pilgrimage to Holy Amarnath cave shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas, which was to start from June 28 while all shrines, major mosques and other religious places remained closed due to second wave of COVID-19.

Last year, the Yatra was suspended for similar reasons due to first wave lockdown across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir. However, in 2019 the annual pilgrimage was to cut short and yatris were asked to leave the valley as strict curfew restrictions were imposed when Centre abrogated Article 370 and 35 A besides dividing the State into two Union Territories (UTs) on August 5, 2019.

Majority leaders of almost all mainstream political parties, barring BJP, including three former Chief Ministers Dr. Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti were detained and communication network snapped in the UT.

There is still no firm word from the Centre about this year's Yatra to Amarnath cave shrine, situated at 14,000 feet, which is accessible from shortest Baltal route and traditional Pahalgam route, official sources said.

However, they said, the meeting between Union Home Minister Amit Shah and J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at New Delhi on Sunday among security and other things also discussed the Amarnath Yatra.

It was not immediately clear if any decision was taken about the Yatra as COVID positive cases and deaths due to virus continued in Jammu and Kashmir, where authorities have now started easing Corona Curfew in a phased manner to avoid further surge in positive cases.

Former CM and President of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti said the decision to allow the Yatra will be taken by the Centre.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Congress leaders are finding it tough to handle three Gandhis — Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka — simultaneously without hurting the feelings of any one of them. Historically, the party has had a dominating duo from the family. Jawaharlal Nehru and daughter Indira Gandhi called the shots in the party. The father ensured that Indira became the youngest Congress President. After her progeny Rajiv and Sanjay grew up, Sanjay became mama's advisor in early 70s. Soon after his death Rajiv arrived. The Indira-Rajiv combo controlled the Government and the party. For the next couple of years, Rajiv was the only Gandhi with total control over the party. Later on, Sonia became his invisible advisor and Congress leaders viewed her as a parallel power centre. After Rajiv's assassination, she retreated into silence only to return in 1998 as Party Chief. Until 2004, she was the only Gandhi ruling the roost. Rahul joined mother and won in Amethi. Since then, there were only two Gandhis at the helm. Sonia is the unifier; Rahul has his own team and became Party President for a short period. Now, Priyanka Gandhi's foray has disrupted the equation. Congress followers are confused over the new family troika. The rank and file are at sea without well-defined separation of responsibilities between the brother and the sister. Priyanka, the General Secretary in-charge of Uttar Pradesh whose brief is to revive the outfit in the State, is a pan-India political frequent flyer. Rahul is keeping away from his old State. Which of the three Gandhis is the most powerful? Congress netas are hard-pressed to figure the G-force egging on the rebels in Punjab and Rajasthan against the Chief Ministers. For the first time, the Congress appears to be victims of Plenty of Gandhis. — *Prabhu Chawla in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man duct-taped to helicopter and flown

Mexico: A Russian pilot is under investigation after a man was duct-taped to the underside of a helicopter and flown above an airfield.

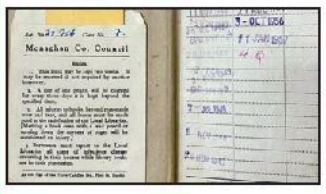
The stunt was concocted by Mikhail Litvin, 21, a notorious internet star in Russia with around 20 million followers on social media. In the shocking footage, his friend 'Zheka' Namitov, 25, can be seen hanging high above the group from the bottom of a plane, held on by tape.

Although there appears to be a more stable support around his midriff in the video, the rest of his body is secured with normal gaffer tape.

The nerveless daredevil made it to the ground safely and even remarked that the view was 'very beautiful' while still up in the air. But the prank has landed pilot Alexander Nazarov, 31, in hot water with the authorities.

The ex-military airman is being probed by the Russian Investigative Committee and has had his flying licence suspended.

Book returned to library after 64 years!



Monaghan: A book which was borrowed many years back has been returned to the library. A library in Ireland said a book recently returned was more than 64 years overdue.

The Monaghan Town Library said the book, The Hedge and the Horse, had been checked out Jan. 11, 1957 and was returned in late May this year.

Executive Librarian Kay Cassidy said the library got rid of late fees in 2019, but at the 1957 rate, the book would have amassed about $2,000 in fines.

The whereabouts of the book for the 64 years that it was checked out from the library was unclear.

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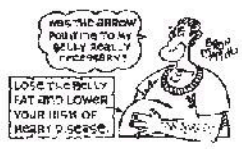

The human body contains 5 kinds of fats: Visceral fat, which surrounds the organs; white fat, which stores energy; brown fat, which burns calories; subcutaneous fat, just under the skin; and belly fat, which is a mixture of subcutaneous and visceral fat.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 6	JUNE 7
Day's Positive Cases	1,237	1,213
Total Positive Cases	1,50,885	1,52,098
Day's Discharges	1,399	1,271
Total Discharges	1,34,747	1,36,018
Day's Deaths	19	17
Total Deaths	1,722	1,739
Total Active Cases	14,416	14,341

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Over 1.49 crore COVID vaccine doses still available with States: Health Ministry

New Delhi, June 8 (UNI) - More than 1.49 crore (1,49,11,649) COVID vaccine doses are still available with the States and Union Territories, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said on Monday.

So far, the Centre has provided over 24 crore (24,60,80,900) doses to the States. Of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 23,11,69,251 doses as per data available yesterday morning. 'As part of the nationwide vaccination drive, Government of India has been supporting the States and UTs by providing them COVID vaccines free of cost. In addition, the Government of India has also been facilitating direct procurement of vaccines by the States/UTs. Vaccination is an integral pillar of the comprehensive strategy of Government of India for containment and management of the pandemic, along with Test, Track, Treat and COVID Appropriate Behaviour,' the Ministry said.

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.11
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.83
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.71

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to CESC 'Dhanush'

Sir,

I would like to bring to the notice of the citizens my latest and pleasant experience with the CESC 'Dhanush' team which swung into action to set right electrical problem on June 5, 2021 near BEML arch, Srirampura 3rd Stage.

Suddenly the power went off at around 9.30 pm. We waited for power to restore and even after restoration, we did not get the power in our house.

We suspected the problem with UPS but in vain. We went to meter board located in the ground floor. Alas we found that the meter is defunct.

The main culprit was the electric pole just opposite to our house. We immediately contacted 24x7 complaint division. The complaint was received by electrical staff and the lady staff immediately spoke to 'Dhanush' team at around 9.45 pm.

To our surprise the team arrived and changed the defunct fuse on the electric pole and the power came back. We heaved a sigh of relief.

I wish to thank the staff and technicians who attended to set right the problem and restored the power. I am indebted to the crew of CESC with positive attitude in this pandemic situation.

—Balasubramanya,
Senior Citizen
Mysuru
7.6.2021

Promoting all II PU students with grades is unscientific: MLC

Marithibbegowda

Mysuru, June 8 (RKB&DM)- Welcoming the Government's decision to conduct SSLC exam after COVID comes under control, JD(S) MLC Marithibbegowda, who represents South Teachers Constituency in the Legislative Council, however, termed the promotion of all II PU students by according grades as 'unscientific.'

In a press release, Marithibbegowda urged the Government to reconsider its decision on promotion of all II PU students without exam.

Maintaining that though many letters have been written to the Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar asking him to consult MLCs representing Teacher Constituencies and educational experts before taking any decision, he alleged that the Minister has taken a unilateral decision without bothering to consult anyone.

Arguing that the yardstick being used for grading II PU students too is not only unscientific but improper, Marithibbegowda said this illogical decision will have a negative impact on the career of students.

He lashed out at the Govt. for not announcing a COVID package for lecturers serving in unaided PU and Degree Colleges and Guest Lecturers serving in University affiliated Colleges.

The MLC also urged for COVID crisis monetary assistance of Rs. 5,000 to each lecturer just as how Primary and High School staff have got.

Apollo BGS Hospitals plants saplings at UoM premises

As part of World Environment Day, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, planted saplings in the premises of the University of Mysore (UoM) recently. Dr. Rajkumar P. Wadhwa, Chief Consultant and Head, Department of Gastro Sciences, is seen watering a sapling as Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, Dr. S. Srinath, Consultant General Surgeon, Dr. Sanjeev Rao Girimaji, Consultant Physician and support staff of Apollo BGS Hospitals and UoM look on.

Free jab for 18-plus from June 21

- **25 percent vaccine stock for Private Hospitals**
- **States / UTs need not place indent with companies**
- **Service charge in Pvt. Hospitals fixed at Rs. 150**

New Delhi, June 8 (SSV)- Laying to rest all unnecessary confusion and controversies surrounding vaccine procurement and inoculation of people in the category of 18 to 44 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced free vaccination for that age group starting from June 21, International Yoga Day.

Addressing the nation yesterday, he said "Today, it has been decided that the Centre will take over the 25 percent vaccination procurement handed over to States earlier. From June 21, which is also International Yoga Day, the Central Government will give COVID-19 vaccines to all States. This means that the Centre will procure 75 percent of all vaccines produced in India and supply them to adults free of cost. No State Government will have to spend anything on vaccines. Many people are spreading misinformation about vaccines but youngsters must counter vaccine hesitancy by spreading awareness."

The PM said that those who do not want free vaccines can get them at Private Hospitals. According to the revised vaccine policy, Private Hospitals will still be able to buy 25 percent of all vaccines produced in India directly from the manufacturers. Apart from the cost of the vaccine, they will not be allowed to charge more than Rs. 150 per dose. State Governments will be responsible for monitoring the same, he said.

Underlining the Government's efforts to scale up vaccine procurement and improve the pace of vaccinations, the PM said, "India will defeat Corona. Our battle with the second wave still continues. The virus is like an 'invisible and form-changing enemy.' COVID protocols are still the most important weapon in fighting this enemy," he said.

Narendra Modi

Biggest pandemic

Modi went on to add that COVID-19 is the biggest pandemic the advanced world has faced in the last 100 years. A new healthcare infrastructure was set up to counter the pandemic such as construction of COVID Hospitals and expansion of network of testing labs. The demand for liquid medical oxygen rose in April-May like never seen before in India's history. This work was done on "war footing" to address this shortage and all arms of the Central Government, including Railways and Air Force were put to work for this purpose, he said.

COVID vaccine policy

He said the Government had started working on logistics even as scientists were working on COVID-19 vaccines in 2020. A National Vaccine Task Force was constituted last year. The Government extended all possible support to vaccine-makers. They were helped in clinical trials and funds were given to them for Research and Development (R&D). The vaccine supply in India is set to increase. Seven companies are producing different vaccines and another three vaccines are in the advanced stage of clinical trials. Procurement of vaccines from other countries has also picked up pace. Some experts have expressed concerns about children but already two trials for COVID-19 vaccines for children are also underway. "Research is underway on a nasal vaccine. If we get success, it will considerably improve the pace of vaccinations," he noted.

Centre-State procurement

Referring to India's vaccine policy, Modi said the World Health Organisation (WHO) issued guidelines, scientists laid down a framework and India took note of best practices followed by other countries. Suggestions were sought from Chief Ministers and Parliamentary parties and it was decided that healthcare workers, frontline workers and vulnerable groups would be given priority. "What would have happened if nursing staff, ambulance staff, hospital cleaners had not been vaccinated? It was only because they were vaccinated that they were able to save the lives of countless Indians. Questions were asked about why State Governments had not been given any powers. One size does not fit all. This is why localised lockdowns were permitted," the PM added.

Now, citizens can purchase essential goods daily from 6 am to 10 am

Mysuru, June 8 (RK&BCT)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham yesterday afternoon ordered immediate relaxation of the tough lockdown rules and allowed purchase of essential goods between 6 am and 10 am on all days. The new order matches the order that has been issued by the State Government that is applicable till June 14.

Dr. Gautham withdrew the order passed by the earlier DC Rohini Sindhuri on May 5, which restricted opening of essential shops only three days a week, between 6 am and 10 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Imposing a tough lockdown, Rohini Sindhuri had, in an order passed on May 27, stated that the shops were allowed to open only on two days, on Mondays and Thursdays, between 6 am and 12 noon, till June 7. This two-day window was subsequently extended to three days.

However, the rule was exempted to standalone milk booths, medical services, diagnostic labs, hospital and other allied services, HOPCOMS outlets, Fair Price Shops, goods vehicles, food parcels from hotels and door-to-door deliveries. In addition, goods vehicles and petrol pumps were allowed.

Exemption continues even under fresh rules and there will be no restriction in movement of all permitted essential services.

The earlier shopping window for two days resulted in utter chaos in marketplaces with shoppers and essential goods vendors not following social distancing, defeating the very purpose of the lockdown. Even there were reports of traffic snarls on key roads in city centre and also the arterial roads. Also, taking advantage of the rules, many non-essential shops and services were open, forcing the Police to issue a warning to the shops to close down.

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08236 - 255128

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Felicitation marks Environment Day celebrations at Rangayana

Rangayana staff** (sitting from left) **Raju and Brahmalingappa, who have been taking care of 300 saplings planted at Rangayana premises over the last one year, being felicitated during a programme titled 'Ranga Honnaru' organised by Rangayana to mark World Environment Day celebration yesterday. Also seen are** (standing from left) **Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) - Mysuru Division T. Heeralal, probationary Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Anusha and Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Chandrashekar.

Mysuru, June 8 (PM&SD)- As part of World Environment Day celebrations, Rangayana had organised 'Ranga Honnaru' programme at Rangayana premises in city yesterday.

Speaking on this occasion, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) - Mysuru Division, T. Heeralal, who was the chief guest for the event, stressed the importance of saving the environment for the benefit of humankind.

Two staff members of Rangayana, Brahmalingappa and Raju, who have been taking care of 300 saplings planted at Rangayana premises over the last one year were felicitated.

Two tree saplings planted earlier by noted actor Prakash Belawadi and Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa were named as 'Parva' and 'Cauvery' respectively on this occasion.

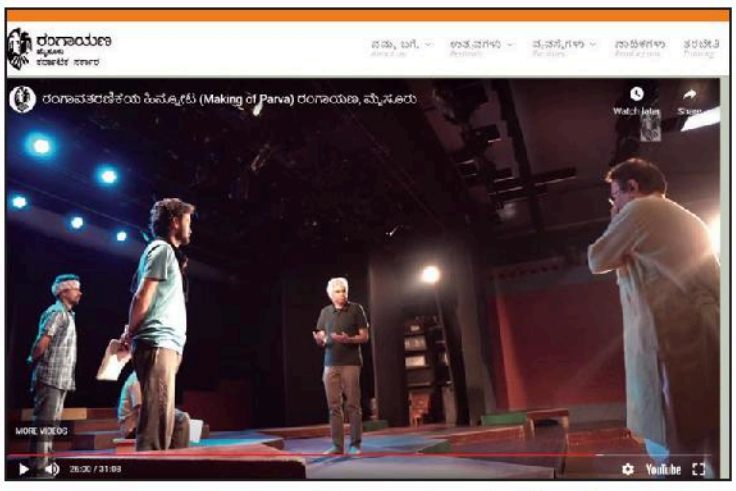
The CD of 'Parva - Poorvaranga' (Making of Parva), a documentary directed by noted Director P. Sheshadri on the making of a seven-hour mega theatre production of Rangayana 'Parva' — a theatre adaptation of noted novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's work by the same name — was also released on the occasion.

Proprietor of Popular Pharmacy, Raghulal and Co., N. Raghavan, has donated 15 grocery kits to the staff of Rangayana, which will be later distributed to persons involved in sanitation and horticulture related works at Rangayana premises. Marking World Environment Day, these grocery kits were symbolically handed over to three staff members during the event.

Later, Addanda C. Cariappa addressed the gathering and said that the documentary 'Parva - Poorvaranga' will also be uploaded to Rangayana website for the benefit of theatre enthusiasts.

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Chandrashekar, probationary Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Anusha and others were present during the programme.

'Making of Parva' documentary launched



Mysuru, June 8- The documentary 'Parva - Poorvaranga' (Making of 'Parva'), directed by P. Sheshadri, was launched online on the Rangayana website *[www.rangayana.org]* last evening.

The 30-minute documentary throws light on the process of the mega production of the theatre repertory and features artistes of the play sharing their experience working for the mega play directed by Prakash Belawadi.

The seven-hour-30-minute mega play 'Parva,' the theatre adaptation of one of the masterpieces of Novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa by the same name, was staged in full length and also in 3 episodes — Adi Parva (2-hour-45-minute), Niyoga Parva (2-hour-15-minute) and Yudha Parva (3-hour) — at Rangayana in city in the month of March and received good response.

Swimming Pool row refuses to die down

Campaign continues even after Govt. ordering probe by Regional Commissioner

Mysuru, June 8 (BCT)- The legality and alleged illegality of swimming pool at the DC's bungalow 'Jala Sannidhi' on Hunsur Road has refused to die down even after the transfer of IAS Officer Rohini Sindhuri from Mysuru as Deputy Commissioner.

The continuation of the issue comes at a time when the State Government has already asked Regional Commissioner (RC) Dr. G.C. Prakash to probe the swimming pool construction and after a clarification was sent to the RC by Rohini Sindhuri where she has stated that the construction of the pool was a pilot project under Nirmithi Kendra Society and there were no violation of heritage norms.

Reports in a section of the press today claimed quoting unnamed sources and officers that the former DC had not obtained permission and has allegedly violated mandatory-to-be-followed norms.

The reports stated that officers who had requested anonymity had said, "The 650 sqft swimming pool that has a capacity of 60,000 litres has been built at a cost of Rs. 28.72 lakh with a modern ozonisation technology and there is no need of changing water frequently and there is no requirement of recycling of water and chlorination."

As the pool has a roof there is no question of water being evaporated and the construction has been completed using Nirmithi Kendra's funds that had been saved from other projects after taking approval from the Board of Directors. The water for the pool comes from the supply to the DC's residence, the report stated.

The report quoted an officer from the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) Planning Section who has stated that the MCC had not received any requests for permission to construct the swimming pool. Even an anonymous officer from Vani Vilas Water Works has stated that permission was not sought for the water supply to the pool.

However, Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Member, Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) has been quoted in the report as saying that the violation is clear. "The DC's residence is not the only heritage structure but the area that covers the bungalow is a heritage property too. As per new rules and regulations, seeking permission from the Heritage Committee is mandatory and works on heritage properties must be carried out as specified by the Committee. It is clear that heritage rules have been violated while constructing the pool," the report quotes Prof. Rangaraju as saying.

MLA writes to CM

The report also stated that on June 5, K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh has written to the Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to suspend Rohini Sindhuri for violating heritage norms by laying vitrified tiles at the DC's bungalow while renovating the place for Rs. 16.35 lakh.

Meanwhile, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has been asked to constitute a Heritage Protection Committee as per the 2020 Heritage Regulations (amendment) Act. Commissioner of Department of Archaeology and Museums B.R. Poornima has written three letters to MUDA. MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, however, said that the new heritage regulations actually hinder development. "We will request to keep Mysuru out of the heritage regulations," he has stated as per the report.

Let a proper authority comment on this: Rohini Sindhuri

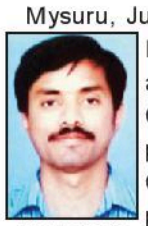
Reacting to the reports on swimming pool, Rohini Sindhuri told *Star of Mysore* this morning that let a proper Government authority or the Government itself certify that the pool is illegal if at all it is instead of somebody else commenting on that.

"The Government has asked the Regional Commissioner (RC) to do an inquiry regarding the issue and the RC will submit the report to the Government. Somebody alluding and saying something on the pool that has been built as per norms is just motivated. What they are doing even after getting me transferred is in full public knowledge. All are scared that the land issue will come out one day or the other. And hence the malicious campaign," she said.

"I have never spoken about the swimming pool until the Government asked me to give a report to the RC. Moreover who are these guys who have been quoted in the report? They have just slandered without identifying themselves. Either the RC or the Government must say there is a violation in the heritage norms. Let the RC report facts," she added.

"After yesterday's *Star of Mysore* headline that said, "I paid the price for confronting land mafia," why are some political leaders reacting on that? I have not even named anybody when I spoke. Why are they getting jittery and saying that there is no land or land mafia or real estate boom? Why are they still continuing the smear campaign? Moreover, can I carry the swimming pool wherever I go? It is for posterity," she said.

'Follow safety protocol, save life'



Dr. Prashanth

Mysuru, June 8 (MK&SSV)- It is possible to avoid contracting Coronavirus if people follow COVID safety protocol strictly, opined Dr. C. Prashanth, Pulmonologist and Nodal Officer, Trauma Care Centre, Mysuru.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said since the day Trauma Care Centre began on April 22, over 800 patients have taken treatment and most of them have recovered. There are 135 beds of which 10 are ICU beds. Even this day, around 8-10 fresh positive cases are coming to the Centre daily. First and foremost, doctors at the Centre will instil confidence in patients and boost their morale. Talking to them frequently, feeding them and reminding that somebody was waiting for them will help to overcome fear.

"We feel sad to people dying of Coronavirus that too young people. Many more will die if they do not wear mask, maintain social distancing and wash hands frequently. People must practice to wear mask to protect them from the COVID contagion as well as from dust. However, repeated use of the same mask will cause diseases like black fungus. It is better to regularly change the mask," Dr. Prashanth advised people.

He said people must consult a doctor and undergo test in case they develop Corona symptoms and get treatment immediately. This will reduce the death of people as much as possible. This pandemic does not differentiate people and will attack irrespective of the fact whether the person is rich or poor. Early treatment is the only way to prevent death from this pandemic, he added.

Obituary

A. Leelavathi

Mysuru, June 8- A. Leelavathi (84), wife of retired St. Philomena's High School Head Master late R. Balaji Singh, passed away yesterday evening in city.

She leaves behind sons retired Government Polytechnic College Principal B.L. Govindaraj Singh and retired Education Officer B.L. Nagendra Singh, two daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at N.R. Mohalla Burial Grounds this morning.

Mallikarjuna

Mallikarjuna (63), a resident of Ashokapuram 5th Cross, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Adi Karnataka Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this morning.

Geetha Prasad

Geetha Prasad (68), a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday afternoon following brief illness in city.

She leaves behind her husband Prasad, a newspaper distributor at V.V. Mohalla, son Anand, daughter Asha, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday evening.

S. Rajanikanth

S. Rajanikanth (30), a resident of Manchegowdanakoppal, passed away on May 17 at a hospital in city, following brief illness.

He leaves behind his parents and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in city.

A. Clement Vaz

A. Clement Vaz (92), a resident of Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Mary Vaz, sons Clifford Vaz and Alfred Vaz and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at Hold Cross Cemetery at Belavadi this noon.

S.N. Shivu

T. Narasipur: S.N. Shivu (31), an ambulance driver in Bengaluru and a resident of Senapathihalli village, Sosale hobli in T. Narasipur taluk, passed away this morning at Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his parents, sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at his native place today.

'A precedent has been set, no Officer will dare to take on land-grabbers henceforth'

Former Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri speaks to *SOM*

By B.C. Thimmaiah

"You will write in paper and it will be forgotten. But you will remember this episode soon one day when the grazing lands in Kurubarahalli are gone, open spaces around the city have disappeared and lakes have vanished, replaced by layouts and huge apartment complexes, structures that have absolutely no right to exist there.

SOM: You seemed emotional yesterday when you said Mysureans have treated you like 'Mane Magalu' (daughter of the house)...

Rohini Sindhuri: I have never sought this kind of publicity. All the information regarding my work was going out from the Information Department. But the kind of support I got from Mysureans after the announcement of my transfer moved me, so I wanted to mention it.

SOM: You spoke of Kergalli Lake yesterday. Can you elaborate?

Rohini Sindhuri: We wanted to give a new lease of life to 61-acre Kergalli Lake in Jayapura Hobli and Ayyajayyanahundi Lake near Dattagalli. A proposal was sent to the Government to build Housing Board houses in the Lake lands. I got it cancelled.

Because I realised what they have been doing in many of these lakes was filling earth, industrial waste and construction debris into the water body and levelling it off. Then after killing the lakes, they create layouts.

Regarding Lingambudhi Lake we learnt that there were many encroachments and they are killing Kergalli Lake and Ayyajayyanahundi Lake. We corrected the RTC and I personally visited Kergalli Lake and Ayyajayyanahundi Lake in February this year and the lakes were assigned to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for rejuvenation in two months — including desilting, shifting drainage and fencing.

One or two local MLAs told me not to rejuvenate the lakes and I told them that preservation of lakes is paramount and it had to be done. As Mysuru grows, lakes will play an important part in urban planning. In fact, for better management I even wanted to give the management of Kukkarahalli Lake either to the Lake Development Authority or the Forest Department from the University of Mysore.

There were complaints of encroachment of Gomala land under Survey Number 123 near Dattagalli village, Mysuru Kasaba Hobli. There are about 2,991 small and big lakes in Mysuru and my idea was to save all of them. Regarding Lingambudhi Lake we learnt that there were many encroachments up to 2 acres and also 1.39 acres and they are killing Kergalli Lake and Ayyajayyanahundi Lake.

SOM: What is the status of Kurubarahalli Survey Number 4, the area around Chamundi Hill?

Rohini Sindhuri: When I came to Mysuru there was already a High Court order which was against the Government and the Court had ruled that all the land — 1,560 acres — at the foot of Chamundi Hill belonged to private parties, including the Lalitha Mahal Palace. So this Court order had to be challenged.

There is a procedural thing that we had to go through before filing an appeal in the Supreme Court. First, we had to take the permission from the Government to go on appeal, then there was a certain delay in that. During this time, some private parties filed a Contempt of Court petition and the issue had come up before the Chief Justice (CJ) twice. I promptly informed the CJ that the land involves Lakes like Tavarekatte and others.

Because of the delay in our appeal I risked contempt and in fact on March 8, 2021, International Women's Day, I was called for personal appearance in the High Court. My advocate told me that I was going to jail. I told him if on Women's Day the Court wants me to go to jail because of protecting Government land, so be it. We have to go for appeal within the appealable time of 90 days and I requested the same.

After that we hired top-notch advocate Harish Salve with great effort, as initially we could not get him.

Then there was the finance issue. Harish Salve is an expensive lawyer and the Government asked me who is going to pay his fee. I told the Government that the value of the land is in hundreds and thousands of crores and paying lawyer fees is nothing and MUDA can pay as it is a stakeholder. The case got heard twice in Supreme Court. Now the Court is on vacation. It will eventually come up for hearing.

SOM: Audios are being released where there is a conversation between you and District Drugs Controller on the oxygen requirement of Chamarajanagar purportedly before the oxygen tragedy.

Rohini Sindhuri: It is shameful on the part of the people to do what they are doing. You can quote me also. There has been a Court-appointed Committee and it has said what the truth is. But still people are pedalling lies. Yes, there is a single judge enquiry going on, let it come out. And what is the audio even saying? There is nothing in the audio.

As the Head of the District Disaster Management Authority, I have to ask accounts of oxygen supply from an officer and if I can't, what am I supposed to do? Look at the unfortunate situation, the Court has said that the Chamarajanagar DC is responsible for the tragedy and he is still in office while I have been unjustly kicked out in a conspiracy.

SOM: Would you want to lodge a complaint against Shilpa Nag in the proper channel available to you as an IAS Officer?

Rohini Sindhuri: I will for sure. Her behaviour has been unbecoming of an IAS Officer. Where is the dignity of Office that one has to maintain and protect? She has thrown all that to the wind and acted in total collusion with politicians.

She even had that audacity to go on record and say, "now that the mission is accomplished" she is withdrawing her resignation. For an officer the "mission to be accomplished" should be "COVID-Mukta Mysuru" not a "DC-Mukta Mysuru." If this is how officers are, how do you run an institution or a district, especially in a disaster time?

SOM: You have been accused of fudging the COVID death numbers...

Rohini Sindhuri: (Laughs). Whatever I say, they put a spin. First and foremost, it is the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) that is the custodian of births and deaths. There is a District Surveillance Officer (DSO) who is a doctor and he is the one who declares what deaths are COVID deaths and what are not. As a DC I don't have control of either. I am only a collector of information and I am dependent on the data sent by the DSO and the MCC.

It seems, everything that happens in the district which is 'RIGHT' is 'THEIRS' and everything happening in the district which is 'WRONG', is 'MINE'. How fair is this? No one talks about Mysuru being the highest vaccinated district in the State and now they might say even the vaccination data is fudged.

SOM: Amidst the critical pandemic work, your family tested positive for the virus.

Rohini Sindhuri: My whole family suffered. My husband was hospitalised and I did not take a day off. This is a time to work and not the time to crib or garner sympathy. We are officers; we should just do our job.

SOM: How did things get so acrimonious?

Rohini Sindhuri: As DC, it is my duty to work. In fact, by going on and on about me they have made me a bigger hero in Mysuru than probably I would have ever been. Yes, DC can be criticised but here the amount of slander, unfair criticism kept on going and I feel that the DC was 'harassed' though it is not the right word to use. Despite all of that I just focused on my work, without going to press. At the end whose loss is this?

Why are national-level leaders interfering with the District Administration? You have every right to ask questions but those questions must come through the District Minister, who is the right authority. Why is a leader tweeting asking private people to take oxygen from refilling plants at a time of crisis?

Tell me what business does a former Minister and MLA from Hassan have in Mysuru? Why does K.R. Nagar MLA have to talk on COVID Care Centres in Mysuru city? What is everybody's interests here? Now, after this incident no DC will take them on. This is the precedent that has been set.

Sure, in a week people will forget about this episode. You will write in paper and it will be forgotten. But you will remember this episode soon one day when the grazing lands in Kurubarahalli are gone, open spaces around the city have disappeared and lakes have vanished, replaced by layouts and huge apartment complexes, structures that have absolutely no right to exist there.

SOM: What about the legality of the swimming pool in the DC's bungalow?

Rohini Sindhuri: Well, an enquiry is on. Let them give their report. You tell me, can I carry this swimming pool with me wherever I go? Is it some personal item?

SOM: You met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa just hours after your transfer. Do you think he should have considered your transfer-revoking request?

Rohini Sindhuri: See, I feel because of COVID, it should have been considered and more so after the 'mission accomplished' statement, which proved that the whole drama was with a purpose to get me out. So, yes, I feel it could have been considered ■

Chamarajanagar Hospital tragedy

Ex-MLA Vasu urges CID probe into Rohini Sindhuri's role

- Send her on compulsory leave till inquiry
- File FIR against her immediately

Mysuru, June 8 (RKB&SSV)- Holding former DC Rohini Sindhuri responsible for Chamarajanagar incident which claimed the lives of 24 Corona positive patients, former Congress MLA Vasu of Chamaraja Constituency in Mysuru has demanded a Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probe into her alleged role. Till the inquiry is over, she must be sent on compulsory leave without any posting.

Former MLA Vasu

Talking to reporters at his residence here this morning, he said an audio clipping of the conversation between Rohini and another District Officer over the oxygen supply to Chamarajanagar district, has been making rounds in social media. This audio must be sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory to establish authenticity. In case the audio was true, then she should be arrested and a First Information Report (FIR) should be filed against her.

Initially, the State Government claimed only three Corona patients died in the Chamarajanagar incident. But it subsequently changed its statement to say that 24 persons have died. This showed the Government's intention of concealing the number of deaths. After much hue and cry, the Government has constituted a Commission of Inquiry into the incident. Based on the Commission's report, the Government must punish the guilty, he added.

Taking a dig at Rohini Sindhuri, the former MLA demanded her to tender apology to Mysureans for terming local politicians as 'land mafia' forgetting the fact many *netas* from the District had been known for their honesty and commitment.

"How can she level such allegations on local politicians. She assumed charge eight months ago and did not do anything. Once the Government transferred her, she claimed of injustice meted out to her. What was she doing in the last eight months and why land scam was not probed? Rohini came to Mysuru just for show off and not to serve people. All the recent Deputy Commissioners were responsible for the controversy surrounding Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4," he said.

On her statement that swimming pool had been built in the DC's house for demonstration, Vasu sought to know from her was she not aware that the DC bungalow was a heritage building. She being Chairman of the District Heritage Committee must not have undertaken the construction by flouting the heritage rules. If it was for demonstration, then she should have built it in Vijayanagar Sports Grounds. Who authorised her to spend Rs. 29 lakh, he asked?

Congress slams BJP's fight for power in current COVID crisis

Mysuru, June 8 (RKB&SSV)- KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana has questioned BJP leaders for fighting over change in guard at a time when people were dying due to lack of treatment in Hospitals in the State.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, he said that according to information given by the Central Government, as many as 2.5 crore people have become jobless in the last 48 days. So far, the Corona positivity rate and case fatality rate have not come down. In this current crisis, the BJP leaders were fighting over the Chief Minister's post instead of going to the rescue of people in distress, he said.

Inquiry by retired Judge

He demanded an inquiry by a retired Judge into the allegations levelled against each other by two IAS Officers Rohini Sindhuri and Shilpa Nag and also reasons behind their transfer. Shilpa resigned after making allegations against Rohini. Subsequently, the State Government had transferred both of them. It was said that land mafia and medical mafia was behind Rohini's transfer. An impartial inquiry will bring out truth behind the transfer, he noted.

The Congress leader slammed Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha for claiming the credit for overall developmental works in both districts as if everything happened during his tenure.

When elephant rampage caused terror 10 years ago

Mysuru, June 8 (KS & BCT)- Early in the morning on June 8, 2011, two elephants charged through the streets of Mysuru and damaged cars. Several people were injured in the panic and one man, a security guard at an ATM, was killed by an elephant and the jumbo then gored a cow to death. The elephants had got separated from a herd that had strayed out of T. Narasipur forests.

It took more than five hours for experts to be able to get close enough to one of the elephants — aged between 8 and 10 — to tranquilise him. The trouble began on June 7, 2011, when four elephants were separated from their herd after villagers chased them away from their fields nearby.

Two elephants retreated towards the forests in the area, but the other two wandered into the city and were separated from each other near Bamboo Bazaar. The rampage began at around 5.15 am on June 8 near Bamboo Bazaar. Before entering the city, the elephants had travelled nearly 35 kilometres.

While one elephant was eventually trapped at a farm near Naidu Nagar; the other, a tusk-less *makhna* elephant rushed through the city and created a mess and panic. People ran helter-skelter and the elephant was on a free run for over seven hours. The tusker first attacked a cow tethered to a post on New Sayyaji Rao Road and fatally injured another in an adjacent neighbourhood. It proceeded to Saraswathipuram Dhobi Ghat.

Seeing the destruction, expert shooters, armed with tranquilliser guns attempted to dart the elephant twice at Oval Grounds and near Dhobi Ghat but were unsuccessful. The elephant then vented its anger at a KSRTC bus along the main road and on the JSS Women's College.

The crowds began gathering wherever the tusker went and after spending some time near a bush in Dhobi Ghat, the tusker again entered the roads trashed some vehicles. At Shivarampet, Renukaswamy (55), a security guard at a bank ATM, was gored to death. The attack was filmed live by journalists and amateurs on mobile phones and cameras.

The hapless man ran into one of the by-lanes of this crowded locality only to be outrun by the animal. Four persons, including two women, were injured in the attack. After much effort, the elephant was shackled with jute ropes brought from the Mysore Palace. Four Dasara elephants — Arjuna, Abhimanyu, Gajendra and Srirama — entered the scene and finally the tusker was brought under control somewhere near the Dhobi Ghat.

The family of the security guard was paid a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh. By the time the entire operation was over, it was evening. Both the elephants were released to the forests back in T. Narasipur. And now it is a day to remember.

Mysuru film-maker's short movie enters New York Indian Film Fest-2021

Bhuvan Sathya's Pinni is the only Kannada language short-film to get the honour along with three Kannada features

Mysuru, June 8- There is one section of people who have dedicated their life for the film industry by choosing to tread the path no matter what and achieved great feats while there is another section of art-lovers who dream to take up their passion but fail to do so due to varied reasons but keep striving hard to realise their dream some day.

We have seen people from various other professions painting their passion by choosing to be part of movie-making, be it on-screen or off-screen, over their highly-paid salaries.

Adding to the list is **Bhuvan Sathya** from our own heritage city, who quit Engineering profession, to make his dreams come true. Mysureans have contributed immensely for the growth of Kannada film industry. Now, Bhuvan is another young talent blooming in the field of movie-making.

Bringing forth his creativity is his short-film titled *Pinni* which has been chosen to be premiered at the prestigious New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF) - 2021 and has the credit of being the only Kannada short-film to be part of the Festival. Apart from this, three feature films in Kannada — Prithvi Konanur's *Pinki Elli?,* Ganesh Hegde's *Neeli Hakki* and Abhilash Shetty's *Koli Taal* — have got the honour of being part of the NYIFF which is being streamed virtually on *MovieSaints* from June 4 and will conclude on June 13. To watch *Pinni,* log on to: *https://nyiff.moviesaints.com/movie/pinni*

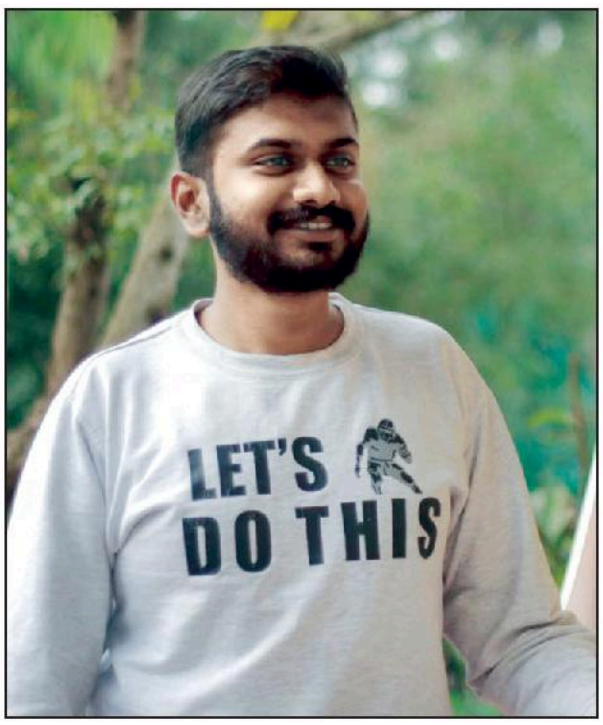
Bhuvan Sathya, who declined well-paid job offer after his graduation (Mechanical Engineering) from SJCE Mysuru to pursue his passion of Movie Direction, has done five short-films (*Pinni* being the 5th one), eight Ads and one music video till now.

Speaking about his passion, he says: "I had started directing plays and short movies during my graduation days. My inspiration for doing short movies was to help people build their own opinion and perspective on existing social issues in the society, therefore all short movies at beginning of my career was social drama and was kept open ended because I always believed giving definitive conclusion for movies would enforce my perspective, rather I wanted to help audience find their own."

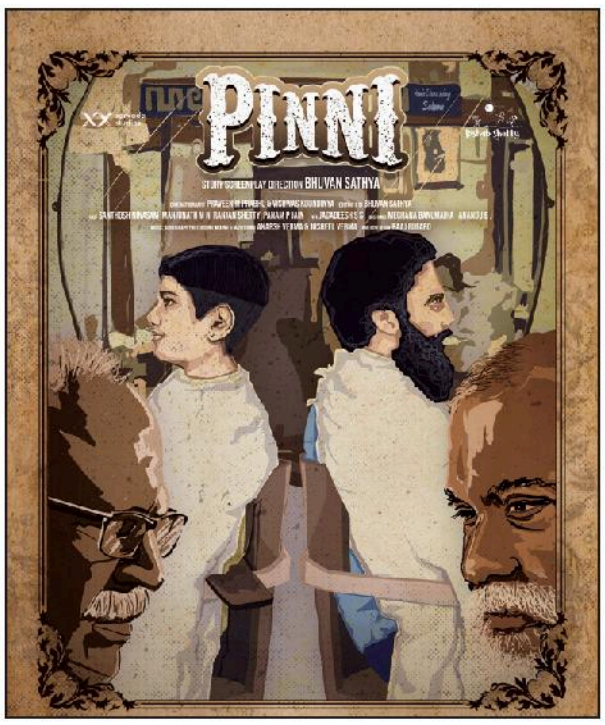
When asked about his short movie *Pinni* being selected to NYIFF, he said: "An experimental short-film called *Being a Man* where a transgender stands up against women harassment, won me 1st place at Mysuru Dasara Film Festival in 2019. It's been a challenging and exciting journey of two years from Mysuru Dasara Film Festival to New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF). *Pinni* is definitely a proud moment for Kannada cinema since it's being world premiered at NYIFF. It has also got special mention award for its unique treatment from 11th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival held in April this year."

Speaking about the 20-minute short movie and its storyline, Bhuvan explains, "Idea for *Pinni* originated when I quit my job to pursue my offbeat passion of film direction. As my father was a Government employee and had frequent transfers, I stayed with my grandparents in Mysuru and did my schooling at VVS Pandit Nehru High School, PUC at Gurukula PU College and Mechanical Engineering at SJCE. After completing my Engineering, I had frequent conflict with my grandfather regarding quitting regular safe job which created a feeling of insecurity and confusion that I experienced inside myself at that phase which had taken my peace away and writing *Pinni* story was the process of me finding answer to my life and making peace with it."

Talking about the making of *Pinni,* the young film-maker says: "This project took me two years and I had to face many hurdles like writers block, financial setbacks and



Short-film producer Bhuvan Sathya.



Poster of the Kannada film 'Pinni.'

Making of the short movie.

FILM CREDITS

Producer, Story, Screenplay, Direction, Editing & DI, Art Direction
Bhuvan Sathya
DOP
Praveen M. Prabhu and Vishwas Koundinya
Starring
Santhosh T. Ninasam, M.N. Manjunath, Ranjan Shetty and Panam P. Jain
Music and Audiography
Akarsh Verma and Josheel Verma
Technical Details
20-min short movie shot in Sony DSLR

even with location scouting, since the film is majorly shot in a building which is more than 80 years old, to capture the essence of old Mysore and give justice to the nostalgic scenes of the movie. Finding those buildings and convincing them to rent for my budget was one of the tedious task which took one year of film-making process. So in this time of location scouting, I learnt editing and colour grading since I knew I couldn't afford one which made me proficient about post production process. Even after 1st schedule, I had to take one month break to adjust money for shooting. Not from a film background, no prior experience of assisting anyone or any formal film education, making short movies and watching YouTube videos has been my main source of learning. Directing a child of 8 years to a senior actor of 68 years was a great learning task."

"Due to budget constraints, I have done six department works alone like production,writing,direction, editing, DI and art direction. Thinking in 6 directions at a time was a challenging task on set," he adds.

Pinni has opened many new doors for me and has given me an opportunity to work as an Assistant Director for Hemanth M. Rao's next movie *Sapta Sagaradaache Yello* with Rakshith Shetty as lead. Prominent Kannada Film Director Rishab Shetty has agreed to present the short film under his banner and promote it, informed Bhuvan.

The only son of D.B. Sathya, Principal, Government PU College K.R. Pet and N. Sheela, a housewife, Bhuvan resides in Kuvempunagar with his grandparents C.L. Nanjappa, retired Assistant Educational Officer and B. Chandrakantha, retired Geography Professor, JSS Degree College, Ooty Road, Mysuru.

District Registrar and Sub-Registrar offices reopen for online transactions

Mysuru, June 8 (RK&SD)- The State Government has permitted the District Registrar and Sub-Registrar Offices to function from yesterday while strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour.

Even as all the five Sub-Registrar Offices in the city resumed work yesterday, probably due to lockdown and being the first day of reopening, poor response from public was seen at all these offices. According to an order issued on Sunday, all these Sub-Registrar Offices have now been directed to function while "strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour."

As per the notification issued by the State Government, no cash transactions are allowed in Sub-Registrar Offices for the time being. Only digital payments and bank transfers are allowed for fee payment and other such money transactions in all these offices.

However, those who were present at these offices could not get OTP number due to some technical glitches in the online system yesterday. Today, according to reports, all these issues have been resolved.

Property registrations and others activities have begun this morning in all the five Sub-Registrar Offices in the city as well as at eight other offices in the district.

When the Government imposed semi-lockdown in the State on May 10, as a precautionary measure, it had also shut down all District Registrar and Sub-Registrar Offices till May 23.

It had taken this drastic step following reports of crowding of people at Sub-Registrar Offices for registration of properties without following COVID appropriate behaviour such as wearing mask and maintaining social distance.

The State is still under lockdown as the number of active infection cases are still considerably high in several districts.

Last week, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa announced extension of lockdown for a week from June 7 to June 14. The decision was taken to contain the further spread of the pandemic.

Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman's two-day tour of district from today

Shivanna

Mysuru, June 8- Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Kote M. Shivanna will be arriving in the city at 6 pm today (June 8) on a two-day tour of the district. He will stay overnight in the city at Jaladarshini Guest House.

Shivanna will visit Talakad in T. Narasipur taluk at 10.30 am tomorrow (June 9) and will inspect the spot where manual scavenging is alleged to have taken place. Thereafter, he will arrive at T. Narasipur at 12.15 pm and will hold a meeting on the measures taken for the welfare of Pourakarmikas serving in T.N. Pur TMC amid the COVID crisis, following which he will address a press meet at 1.15 pm, according to a press release.

HC posts next hearing in DC Sharat's transfer case to June 14

Sharat

Bengaluru, June 8- The Karnataka High Court on Monday ordered issuance of notice to IAS officer B. Sharat, in connection with the Government's plea questioning the CAT's (Central Administrative Tribunal) order directing it (the Government) to reconsider its order on the appointment of Rohini Sindhuri as Mysuru DC in Sept. last year. The Government had posted another IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri after B. Sharat, who was posted in August last following the transfer of Abhiram G. Sankar, was just one month into his job.

During the hearing yesterday, the Advocate representing the Government brought to the notice of the HC Bench headed by Justice Aravindkumar, that Rohini Sindhuri, who was Mysuru DC, has been transferred out of Mysuru.

Taking note of the Government Advocate's submission, the Bench directed for issuance of notice to Sharat, who is the respondent in the case and posted the next hearing to June 14.

IAS Officer B. Sharat too has petitioned the HC questioning the CAT's directive to the Government. Likewise, the Government too has petitioned the HC questioning the CAT's direction. The HC Bench is hearing both the petitions together for disposing off the case.

Mysuru ZP receives 12 calls during Phone-in programme

Mysuru, June 8 (MTY&DM)- Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) received a total of 12 calls during the hour-long Phone-in programme organised to hear public grievances, at the ZP hall here yesterday.

ZP Deputy Secretary Dr. S. Premkumar, Development Section Deputy Secretary Dr. Krishnaraj, Chief Planning Officer Dhanush and other officials took part in the programme.

Santosh, a resident of Hinkal, complained about encroachment of 8 acres of land at Diwanakere near Kakanakatte coming under Hinkal limits. Alleging that some people are dumping wastes into the lake, he urged the authorities to survey the boundary and fence the lake. Dr. Premkumar assured of sending a team to the spot for verification, following which action will be taken.

Suresh, a resident of Siddapura in K.R. Nagar taluk, alleged irregularities in the sanctioning of farm ponds in GP limits. Accusing a person of getting sanction for farm ponds year after year, he wanted to know how only one person was getting permission, while others, who have been applying for years had failed. In response, the authorities promised to verify the allegations.

Kumaraswamy, a resident of Hanchya, said that many people were rendered jobless due to COVID induced lockdown. He wanted the authorities to issue job cards to unemployed youths from rural areas.

After hearing all the complaints and grievances from members of the public across the district, the ZP authorities directed the complaints to the concerned officials for redressal.

Backward Classes Welfare Department Phone-in programme

Mysuru, June 8- The Backward Classes Welfare Department will be conducting Phone-in programmes on the first and third Mondays of every month, to hear public grievances.

With the tenure of Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and Taluk Panchayats (TPs) having ended, the Phone-in programme will take place from 10 am to 11 am on the first and third Mondays of every month till the elections are held, according to a press release issued by the District Officer of the Department.

COVID relief beneficiaries' Helpline

Mysuru, June 8- A helpline for artistes to apply for seeking Rs. 3,000 as one-time COVID relief announced by the Government recently, was launched at the Dasara Exhibition grounds here yesterday.

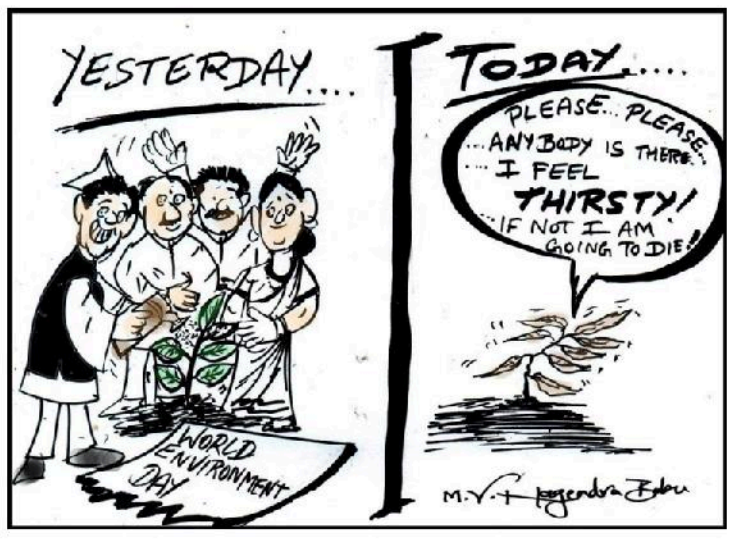
KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda issued acknowledgment to 50 artistes at a programme organised under the aegis of Jeevadhara Graduates Association at the venue.

Speaking on the occasion, Hemanth Kumar Gowda said that the Helpline will help beneficiary artists to apply for the relief (Rs. 3,000 each) through the Government's 'Seva Sindhu' portal.

Pointing out that apart from artists, other beneficiary occupational workers such as washerman, hairdressers, mechanics, loaders, gold workers, bar benders, pot makers etc., can apply through this Helpline to avail the Govt. announced relief of Rs. 2,000. Beneficiaries should carry Aadhar Card, Bank passbook, occupation certificate and their photograph for availing the services of the Helpline launched to assist beneficiaries in applying through Seva Sindhu.

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu



WORD OF THE DAY

Peach

Pronunciation: PEECH.
Meaning: To inform against : betray; to turn informer : blab.
Origin: If you guessed that the origin of this verb peach has something to do with a slightly fuzzy fruit, you are unfortunately incorrect. The fruit peach is an unrelated word that traces back to the Latin phrase malum persicum, literally meaning "Persian fruit." The verb blossomed from Middle English apechen ("to accuse"), itself an offspring of the Anglo-French verbs apecher and empecher, both meaning "to ensnare." Empecher is also an ancestor of the English verb impeach, meaning "to bring an accusation against." Both of these English verbs can be traced back to Latin impedicare, meaning "to shackle the feet," and that word is itself rooted in ped-, pes, meaning "foot."
Example: "They'll think his lordship, or perhaps his brother, peached on them." — Grace Burrowes, Gabriel: Lord of Regrets, 2013.

THE ODD WORD

Palfrenier

Groom.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Playing for keeps

Meaning: If someone says they are going to play for keeps, that means they're done playing around and they're about to get serious.
Origin: This phrase might come from the game of marbles. How so? In marbles, players draw a circle on the ground and then put some marbles inside. Afterwards, they take turns trying to knock the marbles out of the circle by flicking their own marbles at them. If they successfully knock a marble out, they might get to keep it if they win. I think at the beginning of a game, players can decide if they are "playing for keeps."
Anyway, this expression with its figurative meaning has been around since at least 1842. For example, it is written in the Hattiesburg American newspaper from that year: "In the second and third heats, George realized this was a mistake, because it made Joe angry and he started playing for keeps."

QUOTE BOX

The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

PILOT

Answer: High flyer.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Accountants in the US in short
5 Classic horse race
9 Managed
12 Foolhardy
13 Egotistical
14 Estimated Time of Arr.
15 Eight as a prefix
16 Improves in quality
18 German Republican government from 1919 to 1933
20 English painter
21 Two thousand five hundred four - in Roman numerals
23 Makes a lace
26 One-volume collection
29 Artist's cap
30 Rumanian coin
31 Person suffering from leprosy
33 Mass of salt water
34 Pass in error
36 Training school
38 High: prefix
39 German fighter-bomber during the World War II?
40 Our country, as a prefix
42 Make bubbly
46 Envisaged
49 Sharp-edged
50 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat?
51 "Done" anagram for a prefix?
52 Cube inventor Rubik
53 Compact discs in short
54 Hue changer
55 Inclines head

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	N	I	D	■	A	P	S	E	■	E	Y	E
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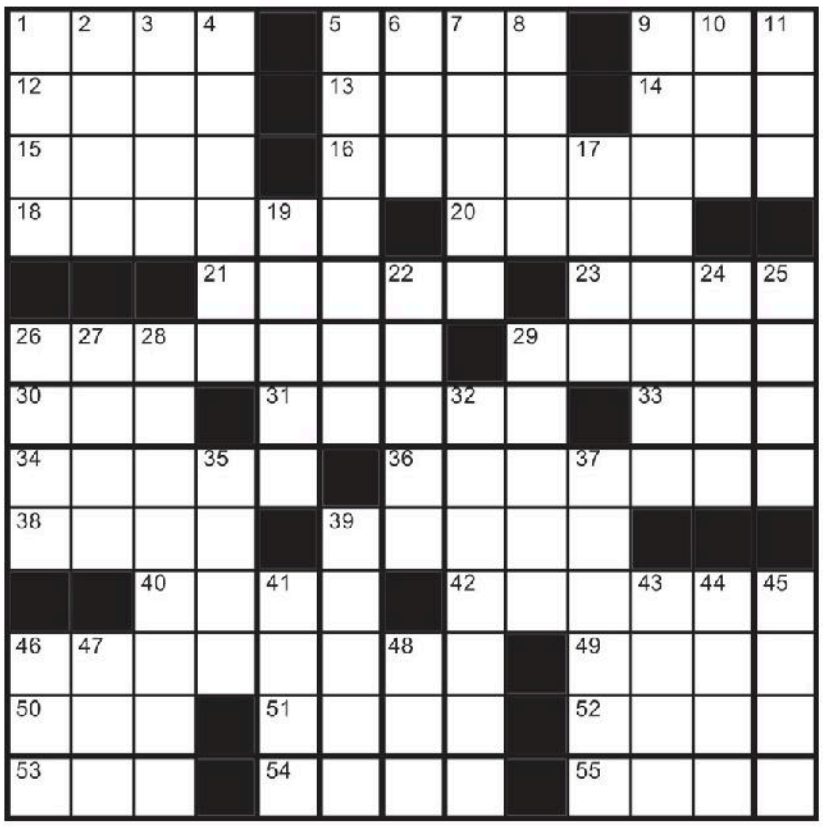
DOWN

1 Blackbird
2 The speed at which an object moves
3 Italian wine city
4 Mr Kapoor of Bollywood who passed away in 2011
5 Late
6 Famous Hindi movie of days gone by - "An a" anagram?
7 Ballet company
8 Crop or cut?
9 Practice
10 Had a meal
11 National Airspace Sys.
17 Refer to
19 Leisurely walk
22 It means steel in Hindi?
24 Swarm, be present in large numbers
25 Remain
26 Clay water jar
27 Repast
28 Wedding ceremony
29 Reduce speed
32 South American country
35 Rat on
37 Cast a shadow
39 Al Jolson's boy
41 ___ down: subsided?
43 Prefix meaning `to do with aircraft'
44 Care for or lean toward
45 Son of Seth
46 Incorporated, in short
47 Crazy like only Alfie Newman can be?
48 Dutch commune



SUDOKU

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	9		3		8		1	
	5	2		6		3	7	
		7				6		
	2						8	
6			4		2			9

Answer to previous puzzle

9	6	4	3	8	2	1	7	5
7	5	8	1	6	9	2	3	4
1	2	3	5	4	7	8	9	6
2	1	5	7	9	6	4	8	3
6	8	7	4	2	3	5	1	9
4	3	9	8	1	5	6	2	7
5	7	2	6	3	1	9	4	8
8	9	6	2	7	4	3	5	1
3	4	1	9	5	8	7	6	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PDMC JDMF GQLYSWMO JDM YMCJMO ST

JDM VCQWMOLM, H ESJ ST AMSAEM PQEE IM

GQLHAASQCJMG JS GQLYSWMO JDMF HOM CSJ QJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The multitude of books is making us ignorant - Voltaire

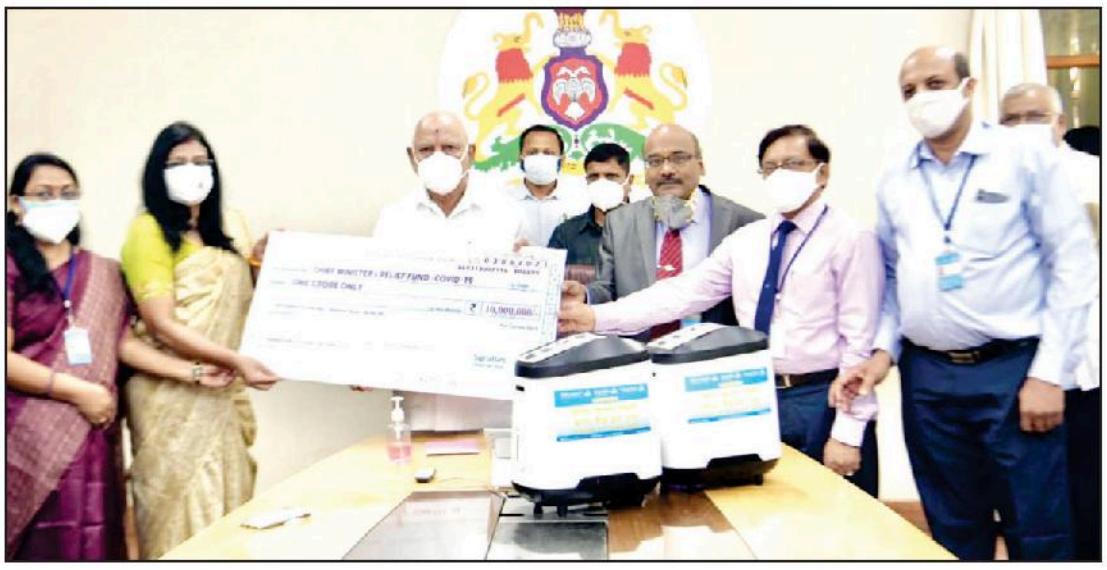
Youth political leaders, organisations jump in to help the needy during pandemic

Mysuru, June 8 (KS)- Corporate companies, Trusts and Associations, who have jumped in to help the poor and the needy during the second wave attack of the deadly COVID-19 are now joined by young political leaders and other organisations to provide relief to the affected people across Mysuru.

The members of various political parties and organisations are providing food, groceries, medicines and medical equipment to the needy and also to the District Administration, which is combating the deadly pandemic.

JITO Mysore under its "JITO O2 Bank" initiative, handed over two Oxygen Concentrators to two beneficiaries recently. The equipment were handed over by the Navrathan team. JITO Mysuru Chairman Chandragupta Katariya, Chief Secretary Mahaveer Gadiya, Vice-Chairman Bherulal Pitliya, Secretary Amarchand Dak, Treasurer Manohar Sankhla, Jt. Treasurer Kiran Jain, PRO Rajan Baghmar and others were present.

Canara Bank donates 50 Oxygen Concentrators, Rs. 1 crore to CM's Relief Fund



Bengaluru, June 8 (KS)- Canara Bank has donated over 50 Oxygen Concentrators and Rs. 1 crore to Chief Minister's Refief Fund to help the State that is battling with the pandemic.

Executive Director A. Manimekhalai, handed over the cheque to CM B.S. Yediyurappa. The donation was made as part of Canara Bank's CSR activity.

General Manager of P C Wing K.A. Sindhu, DGM of FI Wing A. Ramalingam, DGM of Circle Office, Bengaluru, B. Parswanath and others were present..

Basava Marga Foundation distributed groceries to Chiguru Ashram, which houses about 20 specially challenged inmates. Foundation Head S. Basavaraju, Chiguru Ashram head Sushma and others were present.

Karnataka State Youth Congress President Raksha Ramaiah distributed food packets to the poor at Ashokapuram in Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency recently. Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar, Mysuru City Youth Congress President Mohammed Haris, Devaraj Urs Block President Pailwan Sunil Kumar, Krishnaraja Block President Harsha, Congress leaders Rajesh, Abbas, Rizwan and others were present.

Rural Youth Congress distributes groceries kits to poor families

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust has donated grocery kits to guest lecturers at a programme organised at Dr. Gangubai Hanagal Music and Performing Arts University in city yesterday. The kits were distributed by Trust Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs. Trust members Nishith, Jayasree Prasad, Charles Joseph and Gayathri Devi, Music University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote and others were present.

Mysuru, June 8 (PM&SD)- Members of Mysuru District Rural Youth Congress distributed groceries kits to poor families at a function held at Congress Bhavan in city on Sunday.

State Youth Congress President Raksha Ramaiah distributed grocery kits, each containing 5 kg rice, 2 kg wheat flour, 1 litre groundnut oil and other such grocery items to poor families. Speaking after distributing the groceries kits, Raksha Ramaiah urged Youth Congress members to actively participate and help the public to effectively combat the pandemic in the district.

Later, members of Youth Congress also paid floral tributes to the portrait of former State Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs on his 39th death anniversary. Former MLA M.K. Somshekar, KPCC Women's Wing State President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar and other members were present.

Centre's new guidelines for Free Vaccines to States

New Delhi, June 8- The Central Government, in its revised guidelines today, stated that the COVID-19 vaccine doses provided free of cost by the Centre will now be allocated to States and Union Territories (UTs) based on criteria like population, disease burden and the progress of vaccination.

It further warned that wastage of shots will affect the allocation negatively.

This comes a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Central Government will provide free vaccines against the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) to all adults across all States from June 21.

There has been a rift between Centre and some of the States over vaccine wastage.

A Health Ministry data in May had mentioned the amount of wastage of vials by each State — Jharkhand (nearly 37%), Chhattisgarh (30%), Tamil Nadu (15.5%), Jammu and Kashmir (10.8%) and Madhya Pradesh (10.7%). It said that these States are reporting much higher wastage than the national average (6.3%), leading Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren to dub the data as "laughable".

Highlights of New Guidelines

• Within the population group of citizens more than 18 years of age, States/UTs may decide their own prioritisation factoring in the vaccine supply schedule. Several States had been demanding this leverage of being given an option to decide priority group within the eligibility age groups.

• In order to incentivise production by vaccine manufacturers and encourage new vaccines, domestic vaccine manufacturers are given the option to also provide vaccines directly to private hospitals. This would be restricted to 25% of their monthly production.

• The price of vaccine doses for private hospitals would be declared by each vaccine manufacturer, and any subsequent changes would be notified in advance. Private hospitals may charge up to a maximum of Rs. 150 per dose as service charges. State Governments may monitor the price being so charged.

Textbooks for school children available only in September

Bengaluru, June 8 (UNI)- Though classes for the 2021-22 academic year are set to begin from July 1, the students may find it hard to get their textbooks with the authorities stating that the new set of books will be available only in September.

The Karnataka Text Books Society (KTBS) has issued directions to all Block Education Officers (BEOs) to procure textbooks from old students and distribute the same to children this year through book banks.

The communication to BEOs reads, "During the academic year 2020-21, textbooks have been supplied free of cost to all Government and aided schools for grades 1 to 10, in all mediums. This year also measures have been taken to provide free textbooks, but due to COVID-19 pandemic and Statewide lockdown, the process has been delayed"

Considering the interest of students, the officials concerned at the local level should collect previous year's textbooks which are in good condition from the students and distribute them to students this year through book banks."

According to sources from KTBS, the tender process for the printing of textbooks is underway.

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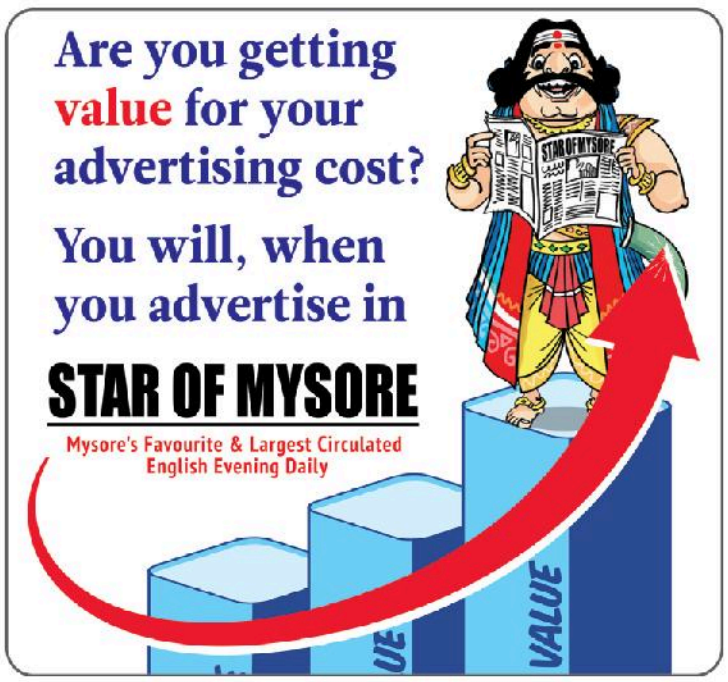
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